REMARKS

The foregoing Amendments to the Specification are to insert the Abstract on a separate sheet. In response, applicants now submit Abstract.

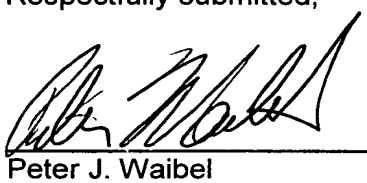
It is also requested that the Sequence Listing in Computer Readable Form and in paper copy (9 pages) which were submitted to the Office by Reply dated September 18, 2002 in the parent application No. **10/048,872** be transferred to the present application. The undersigned states that the paper copy and the computer readable form are the same.

Applicants hereby provide a Computer Readable Form of the Sequence Listing as well as the Paper Copy thereof. The undersigned states that the Paper Copy and the Computer Readable Form, submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same, and include no new matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Should the Examiner have any questions please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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